

Please enter the following amendments to the claims:

In claim 1, line 6, delete "first";

In claim 25, page 18, lines 8 and 15, delete "travel" and substitute therefor --trowel--.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects the invention shown in Figs. 7-11 (Claims 1, 13-18, 20-25) for examination, and expressly reserves the right to file a divisional application, or take such other appropriate measures as he deems necessary to protect the invention shown in Figs. 1-6.

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the telephonic interview on September 11, 1997.

During the interview, Applicant's representative pointed out that claim 25 is drawn to an apparatus including a unitary cleaning blade, as shown in Figure 11. Applicant's representative questioned the characterization that claim 25 was generic in the sense that it read directly on the species as specifically shown in Figures 1 and 7, without any additional disclosure or explanation.

However, the specification as a whole, clearly supports the utilization of this unitary blade as an equivalent replacement for the dual-blade arrangement shown in the drawings of both of the species (see, Figs. 1-6 and Figs. 7-10). Specific textual reference for this blade substitution is contained on page 13, lines 1-6 of the specification. Thus, when considering the entire specification, rather than just the disclosure of a specific Figure, Applicant submits that both claim 1 and claim 25 are generic claims.